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TITLE OF INVENTION MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A FRONT-MOUNTED ENGINE AND AIR GUIDE CHASSIS					
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- ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
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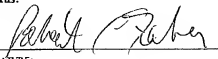
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AMENDMENTS

 X If checked, amendments to the specification and claims are submitted herewith.

1. X If checked, an abstract is submitted as the last page of Appendix A.

2. Specification:

Please delete the paragraph(s)/section(s) beginning at the paragraph at page 1, line 1 to page 1, line 5; and paragraph at page 1, line 29 to page 1, line 31 and replace such paragraph(s)/section(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) with the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

3. Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 11-22 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

The original claims have been replaced with claims in better form for U.S. practice. The original claims have not been narrowed by this Amendment, but rather have been restated in U.S. form.

The replacement claims eliminate multiple dependent claims for reducing the official filing fee.

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APPENDIX A
"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph at page 1, line 1 to page 1, line 5:

MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A FRONT-MOUNTED ENGINE AND AIR GUIDE CHASSIS

Technical field

The invention relates to a motor vehicle with a forward-mounted engine, and a tubular chassis element for guiding air flow.

Paragraph at page 1, line 29 to page 1, line 31:

Description of the invention

This object is achieved according to the invention by a motor vehicle with an air guiding, tubular shape chassis element extending from an air inlet at the front to an air outlet at the rear, a guide arrangement around the engine for guiding air entering the air intake of the vehicle past the engine and into and through the chassis element. A vehicle component in the tubular chassis element is affected by the air flow.

CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

New 11. A motor vehicle comprising:

the vehicle having a front and a rear; an engine in the vehicle toward the front; a forward air intake toward the front of the vehicle;

a tubular chassis element extending longitudinally along a front to rear direction of the vehicle, the chassis element having an air inlet located toward the front of the vehicle and an air outlet located rearward of the inlet;

a guide arrangement so disposed in the vehicle and so shaped for leading air flow from the air intake into the air inlet of the chassis element and through the chassis element and the air outlet;

at least one vehicle component disposed inside the chassis element for air moving through the chassis element to the air outlet to pass the component.

New 12. The vehicle of claim 11, wherein the engine is disposed forward of the chassis element, the guide arrangement being connected forwardly to the air intake and rearwardly to the chassis element.

New 13. The vehicle of claim 12, wherein the guide element is shaped to surround the engine.

New 14. The motor vehicle of claim 11, further comprising a fan arrangement inside the chassis element and operable for influencing air flow through the chassis element toward the outlet.

New 15. The vehicle of claim 14, wherein the fan arrangement is located at the chassis element toward the rear of the chassis element and toward the air outlet.

New 16. The vehicle of claim 11, further comprising a rear end plate at the rear of the chassis element, and the rear end plate providing the air outlet from the chassis element.

New 17. The vehicle of claim 11, wherein the at least one vehicle component inside the chassis element is a component of a vehicle drive line.

New 18. The vehicle of claim 11, wherein the vehicle component inside the chassis element is a gear box of the vehicle.

New 19. The motor vehicle of claim 18, further comprising the vehicle having a rear axle

and the gear box being situated near to the rear axle of the vehicle.

New 20. The vehicle of claim 13, wherein the guide arrangement further includes a bottom plate disposed under the engine.

New 21. The vehicle of claim 20, further comprising a driver's cab having a lower portion disposed above the guide arrangement, and the guide arrangement further including the lower portion of the driver's cab of the vehicle.

New 22. The vehicle of claim 11, further comprising a radiator for the engine and located at the engine; air vents from the vehicle disposed in the path of air from the air intake and located past the radiator, the air vents being further shaped and positioned for discharging part of the air drawn into the air take and for reducing the air supplied to the guide arrangement.

ABSTRACT:

A motor vehicle with a forward-mounted engine and a forward-situated air intake has a tubular chassis element running in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle. Between the air intake and the chassis element there is a guide arrangement for leading air into and through the chassis element past at least one major vehicle component, advantageously the vehicle's gearbox, situated inside the chassis element. Downstream from that major vehicle component there is an air outlet.

APPENDIX B
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph at page 1, line 1 to page 1, line 5:

MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A FRONT-MOUNTED ENGINE AND AIR GUIDE CHASSIS

Technical field

The invention relates to a motor vehicle with a forward-mounted engine, and a tubular chassis element for guiding air flow [in accordance with the preamble to patent claim 1].

Paragraph at page 1, line 29 to page 1, line 31:

Description of the invention

This object is achieved according to the invention by [designing] a motor vehicle with an air guiding, tubular shape chassis element extending from an air inlet at the front to an air outlet at the rear, a guide arrangement around the engine for guiding air entering the air intake of the vehicle past the engine and into and through the chassis element. A vehicle component in the tubular chassis element is affected by the air flow [according to the definition in patent claim 1].

ABSTRACT:

A motor vehicle [(1)] with a forward-mounted engine [(8)] and a forward-situated air intake [(6)] has a tubular chassis element [(2)] running in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle. Between the air intake [(6)] and the chassis element [(2)] there is a guide arrangement [(11)] for leading air into and through the chassis element past at least one major vehicle component [(19)], advantageously the vehicle's gearbox, situated inside the chassis element. Downstream from that major vehicle component there is an air outlet [(12)].

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MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A FRONT-MOUNTED ENGINE

Technical field

- The invention relates to a motor vehicle with a forward-mounted engine, in
5 accordance with the preamble to patent claim 1.

State of the art

- In trucks it is usual for the engine, clutch, gearbox and other components to be
situated far forward, under a driver's cab, which is often tiltable forwards to provide
10 access. These components and the driver's cab usually have extending to the rear of
them an open vehicle frame which consists of C-beams, supports rear axles and has on
top of it some form of load carrier which extends sideways beyond the vehicle frame.

- Such a type of vehicle frame is relatively weak flexurally and torsionally and causes
15 limitations with regard to good running characteristics in cases where a rigid vehicle
frame is desired. This type of vehicle superstructure, with an engine space which is
usually open downwards, and with components situated at various points forward on
the vehicle, entails relatively large flow resistance which has unfavourable effects on
operational economics.

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In the light of endeavours to improve the running characteristics and operational
economics of vehicles, arrangements of these known kinds therefore seem less
advantageous.

Object of the invention

25 The invention aims to provide an improved vehicle design which does not have the
aforesaid disadvantages.

Description of the invention

- 30 This object is achieved according to the invention by designing a motor vehicle
according to the definition in patent claim 1.

Providing motor vehicles with a tubular chassis element which can easily be made resistant to torsion and bending makes it possible for components forming part of the vehicle's driveline to be provided with good protection by being situated inside this chassis element. Further designing the vehicle so that air is led through this chassis element by means of a guide arrangement provides components within the chassis element with necessary cooling and makes it possible for the vehicle to be provided, by means of the guide arrangement and the chassis element, with a smoother underside and hence reduced flow resistance while in motion.

- 10 Further advantages and features of the invention are indicated in the ensuing description and patent claims.

Description of drawing

- 15 The invention is explained in more detail below on the basis of an embodiment depicted in the attached drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view, partly in section, of a motor vehicle according to the invention,

Fig. 2 is a schematic horizontal section through the vehicle in Fig. 1,

- 20 Fig. 3 is a section III-III in Fig. 2, and

Fig. 4 is a section IV-IV in Fig. 2.

Description of a preferred embodiment

- A motor vehicle 1 of the truck type depicted in Fig. 1 has, running in its longitudinal direction, a tubular chassis element 2 which is provided on each side with a number of support devices 3 which are distributed along the chassis element 2 and protrude sideways. The chassis element 2 and the support devices 3 have resting on them a load platform 4 which may possibly be provided with some form of superstructure. In front of the load platform 4 there is a driver's cab 5 which has at its front an air intake 6 which may possibly have a number of apertures in the vehicle's front.

As indicated in more detail in Fig. 2, there is behind the air intake 6 a fan 7, advantageously of radial type, which propels air radially towards a radiator 9 which

belongs to the vehicle's engine 8, is arranged round the fan 7 and may advantageously be divided into a number of individual radiator elements. The fan 7 and the radiator 9 are dimensioned to provide good cooling of the engine 8 in a variety of operating situations. Part of the air drawn in is discharged, after passing the radiator 9, via air vents 10, e.g. one on each side of the vehicle. The remainder of the air drawn in is led partly as combustion air to the engine 8 and partly via a guide arrangement 11 past the engine 8 into the inside of the tubular chassis element 2 before finally leaving the chassis element 2 via an air outlet 12 at the latter's rear end. The air flow is represented by arrows 13.

The guide arrangement 11 round the motor 8 includes (see Fig. 3) a lower portion 14 in the driver's cab 5, a bottom plate 15 arranged under the engine and a section 16 of the front wheel housing. These various parts are jointly designed so that air is led round the engine and rearwards to the chassis element 2. The bottom plate 15 is also intended to reduce air resistance by providing the front portion of the vehicle with a smooth underside. The engine 8 rests on beams 17 which are fastened in the forward end of the chassis element 2.

Fig. 2 also shows that from the engine 8 a forward driveshaft 18 runs inside the chassis element 2 to a gearbox 19 which is accommodated likewise inside the chassis element 2 and is situated immediately forward of, and is connected to, a first rear axle 20. A second rear axle 21 is driven from the gearbox 19 via a rear driveshaft 22. The air which flows through the chassis element 2 cools the gearbox 19 and also other components situated in the chassis element 2, e.g. a compressor 23 for the vehicle's brake system and components for the vehicle's air conditioning system. The two rear axles 20 and 21 are supported movably in the chassis element 2 via suspension parts not further detailed here.

The construction of the chassis element 2 executed in the form of a shell structure is indicated in more detail in Fig. 4. At mutual spacings along the chassis element 2 there are a number of rectangular ribs 25 which have panels 26 fastened round their sides so as to form a tubular space 27. At at least some of the ribs 25, support devices 3 are fastened on both sides and have side panels 28 and bottom panels 29 fastened to

them. The underside panels 26 and 29 provide the vehicle with a smooth underside, and the side panels 28 and bottom panels 29 create enclosed spaces for various components on both sides of the chassis element 2. Advantageously, at least some of the panels, or parts of them, are detachable to provide access to components in or alongside the chassis element 2.

The air outlet 12 at the rear of the chassis element 2 may take the form of apertures in an endplate on the chassis element 2. It is possible for the chassis element 2 to contain a fan 30 to influence the air flow. One possibility is for this fan to be situated at the air outlet 12. The ribs 25 forming part of the chassis element 2, and the panels 26, are dimensioned so as to create a structure resistant to bending and torsion. This combined with advantageously designed wheel suspensions makes improved vehicle running characteristics possible. The protected space within the rigid chassis element 2 makes it possible for the gearbox to be situated close to the vehicle's powered wheels, resulting in good weight distribution, while at the same time the transmission path for large torques from the gearbox will be short and the gearbox will be in a well-protected location.

The air which flows through the chassis element 2 is normally intended for cooling various components inside the chassis element, but it is of course possible, e.g. for operation in severe cold, to lead warmer air rearwards and thereby reduce the cooling. This may be achieved, for example, by using advantageously designed air flow switching devices to cause a greater proportion of the air passing the radiator 9 to pass through the chassis element 2.

The design of the guide arrangement 11 for the air flow rearwards round the engine 8 depends on the design of the forward portion of the vehicle and may therefore be designed otherwise than as described here.

PATENT CLAIMS:

1. Motor vehicle which has a front-mounted engine (8) and at least one forward-situated air intake (6) and is provided with a tubular chassis element (2) running in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle, **characterised** in that between the air intake (6) and the chassis element (2) there is a guide arrangement (11) for leading air into and through the chassis element past at least one major vehicle component (19) arranged inside the chassis element, and that the chassis element (2) downstream from that major vehicle component (19) is provided with at least one air outlet (12).
2. Motor vehicle according to claim 1, **characterised** in that the engine (8) is arranged forward of the chassis element (2) and that the guide arrangement (11) surrounds the engine and is connected forwards to at least one air intake (6) and rearwards to the chassis element (2).
3. Motor vehicle according to claim 1 or 2, **characterised** in that there is inside the chassis element (2) a fan arrangement (30) for influencing the air flow through the chassis element.
4. Motor vehicle according to claim 3, **characterised** in that the fan arrangement (30) is situated in the rear of the chassis element.
5. Motor vehicle according to any one of claims 1-4, **characterised** in that the chassis element (2) is provided with an air outlet (12) arranged in a rear endplate.
6. Motor vehicle according to any one of claims 1-5, **characterised** in that at least one major component (19) of the vehicle's driveline, advantageously at least the vehicle's gearbox, is situated inside the chassis element (2).
7. Motor vehicle according to claim 6, **characterised** in that the gearbox (19) is situated close to a rear axle (20) of the vehicle.

8. Motor vehicle according to any one of the foregoing claims, **characterised** in that the guide arrangement (11) includes a bottom plate (15) situated under the engine (8).
9. Motor vehicle according to any one of the foregoing claims, **characterised** in that the guide arrangement (11) includes a lower portion (14) of the driver's cab of the vehicle.
10. Motor vehicle according to any one of the foregoing claims, **characterised** in that in the forward part of the vehicle there are air vents (10) which are designed to discharge part of the air quantity drawn into the vehicle, after it has passed the vehicle's radiator (9), and hence to limit the air quantity supplied to the guide arrangement (11).

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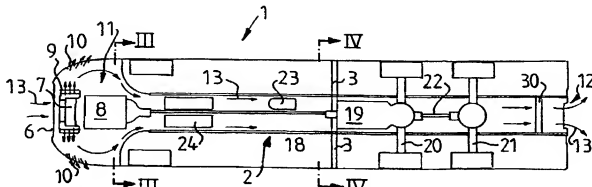
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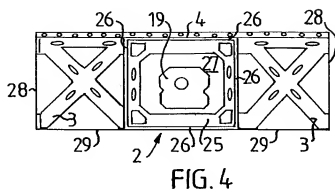
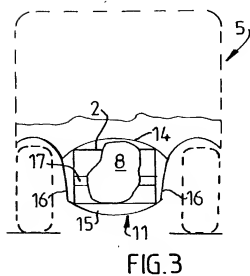
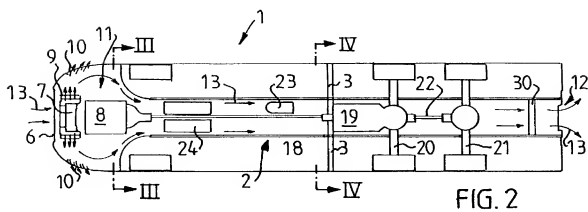
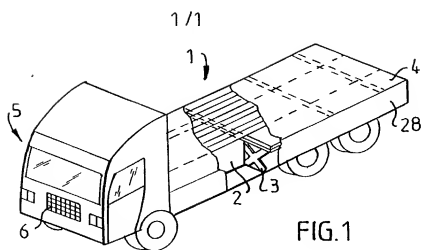
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